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SUBJ: ACTIVITIES OF UCLA PROFESSOR JOHN E. HUTCHINSON

1. PROF. JOHN EDWARD HUTCHINSON OF UCLA, WHO STATES HE IS IN SOUTH AFRICA UNDER SOUTH AFRICAN FOUNDATION AUSPICES, HAS CALLED ON ME TWICE IN PAST 24 HOURS TO REPORT ON HIS CONTACTS WITH HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS INVOLVED WITH RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT.

2. HE CLAIMS TO HAVE MET WITH JOSHUA NKOMO IN SALISBURY EARLIER THIS WEEK WHO ASKED HIM FOR HIS IDEAS ON SMITH-ANC SETTLEMENT AND TO ASSIST HIM IN CONVEYING MESSAGES TO SMITH, KAUNDA AND OTHERS. HUTCHINSON SAID HE WAS PLANNING TO FLY TO LUSAKA ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, TO SEE KAUNDA AND CHONA. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUERY WHETHER NKOMO HAS ASKED HIM TO CONVEY ANY MESSAGE TO KAUNDA, HE REPLIED NEGATIVELY BUT THOUGHT THAT KAUNDA MIGHT HAVE SOME MESSAGE FOR NKOMO AND SMITH.

3. HUTCHINSON SAYS HE MET WITH PM VORSTER AND FONMIN MULLER TODAY. APPOINTMENTS ARRANGED THROUGH SA FOUNDATION. HE CLAIMS VORSTER BELIEVES NKOMO IS MAN WITH WHOM SMITH SHOULD NEGOTIATE

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AND IS PREPARED TO URGE SMITH TO DO THIS AT PROPER MOMENT.

WHEN I ASKED HIM WHETHER VORSTER HAD INDICATED WHAT APPROPRIATE TIMING MIGHT BE, HUTCHINSON SAID HE HAD NOT. HUTCHINSON CLAIMS THAT VORSTER ENCOURAGED HIM IN HIS EFFORTS TO SERVE AS A "COMMUNICATOR" BETWEEN NKOMO AND KAUNDA AND HIS COLLEAGUES. DURING COURSE OF THEIR MEETING, ACCORDING TO HUTCHINSON, VORSTER CALLED DFA SECRETARY BRAND FOURIE AND ASKED HIM TO CONTACT MARK CHONA TO MAKE SURE HE RECEIVES HUTCHINSON.

4. COMMENT: HUTCHINSON HAS AURA OF WELL-INTENTIONED COLLEGE PROFESSOR TRYING TO PROMOTE HIMSELF AS AN INTERMEDIARY IN RHODESIAN NEGOTIATIONS. I TRIED TO DISSUADE HIM FROM SUCH INVOLVEMENT POINTING OUT THAT THIS IS MATTER FOR SOUTHERN AFRICANS TO HANDLE AND THEY HAVE THEIR OWN WELL-ESTABLISHED CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION, BUT HE IS INTENT ON PURSUING WHAT HE DESCRIBES AS HIS "PRIVATE CONTACTS." DOES DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY BACKGROUND ON THE PROFESSOR AND GUIDANCE ON HOW TO HANDLE HIM?
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